Yojana (PMRY) in Andhra Pradesh in 2004-05 as compared with that in 2003-04.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The States are required to report utilization of funds released at least once in a year.

Production of items using agro and rural resources

2425. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units engaged in production of various items using agro and other rural resources, including human resource, as inputs in various parts of the country as on 31st March of 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2005;

(b) the details of items, majority of these units have produced in terms of volume and value during the above stated periods;

(c) the number of persons gainfully engaged period-wise therein; and

(d) the steps taken, if any, for enhancing/encouraging agro and rural industries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The details of khadi and village industry units set up under the various programmes of the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as on 31 March of 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2005 are given in the table below:

Year (Financial Year) ending 31 March)	Number of institutions/units Khadi Institutions	Village Industry (VI) units#
1997	4869*	213
2000	3575	65,795
2003	2003	1,61,505
2005	2024	2,09,705

*Includes VI units set up prior to 1 April 1995.

#Refers to VI units set up under the Rural Employment Programme (REGP).

(b) In the Khadi segment, the majority of items produced is of cotton khadi while in the VI segment, the food and agro-based items have the highest production. The volume and value of production of these items are given in the table below:

Year (Financial year ending 31 March)	Cotton khadi items		Food and agro-based VI items produced by units set up under REGP
	Volume (Million square metres)	Value (Rs. crore)	Value (Rs. crore)
1997	89.09	348.24	1399.81
2000	67.52	294.46	1947.28
2003	48.33	215.85	2189.71
2005	59.03	266.08	2908.89

(c) The number of persons employed in the cotton khadi sector and food and agro-based VI units set up under the REGP, are given below:

Year	Number of persons employed (lakh persons)	
(Financial year ending 31 March)	Cotton khadi	Agro-based VI units set up under REGP
1997	11.18*	20.58
2000	9.21	20.85
2003	6.26	21.91
2005	6.47	24.36

*Includes village industry units set up prior to 1 April, 1995.

(d) The primary responsibility of promoting small scale industries (SSI), including agro and rural industries, rests with the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State/UT Governments by implementing various schemes and programmes throughout the country. Some of the important schemes include Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), Small Industry Cluster Development Programme (SICDP), Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Small Industries, etc.